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strength and resources of the Chicago technical societies for war work as need may arise.

The following member societies are cooperating in the new war committee:

- Western Society of Engineers.
- Structural Engineers' Association of Illinois.
- Society of Industrial Engineers.
- Illinois Society of Engineers.
- Illinois Society of Architects.
- The American Railway Engineering Association.
- The Swedish Engineers' Society of Chicago.
- Illinois Chapter, American Institute of Architects.
- Chicago Section, American Society of Mechanical Engineers.
- Chicago Section, American Institute of Electrical Engineers.
- Chicago Section, American Chemical Society.
- Chicago Section, American Institute of Mining Engineers.
- Mid-West Section, Society of Automotive Engineers.
- Illinois Association of American Society of Civil Engineers.
- Chicago Section, American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers.
- Chicago Section, American Society of Refrigerating Engineers.
- Chicago Section, Steel Treating Research Society.
- Chicago Section, Illuminating Engineering Society.
- Chicago Chapter, American Association of Engineers.

Officers of the war committee have been elected as follows:

- Chairman*, F. K. Copeland.
- Vice-chairman*, W. L. Abbott.
- Secretary*, Edgar S. Nethercut.
- Treasurer*, William A. Fox.

The executive committee consists of F. K. Copeland, W. L. Abbott, William Hoskins, C. A. Keller, Charles E. Lord, C. F. Loweth, Isham Randolph and Richard E. Schmidt. The address of the secretary of the war committee is 1735 Monadnock Block, Chicago.

ENGINEER OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL AT CAMP HUMPHREYS

THE War Department authorizes the following statement from the Engineer Corps:

The Chief of Engineers, General William M. Black, announces that the Engineering

Officers' Training Camp, scheduled to open about August 1, will be situated at Camp Humphreys, 17 miles south of Washington, on a plateau overlooking the Potomac River. Two thousand candidates for commissions as captains and first lieutenants will be trained under the same facilities provided for the 17,000 Engineer replacement troops now there preparing for over-seas service. These facilities include the ordinary military arrangements, and in addition some 15 special schools to instruct men on such operations as mining, quarrying, gas and flame defense, barbed-wire fortification, water supply and railroad communication.

The candidates for commission will become familiar with the work of all these schools and conclude their training with a course in sapper work, in order that they may be fitted to command sapper troops if necessary. Many of the candidates will come from civil life, a campaign being under way to interest men of technical training and experience.

Many applications for entrance to the training camp have been received. To examine these candidates, General Black has designated a traveling board, which will visit several of the larger cities and determine the physical and mental fitness of the applicants. This board will be headed by Major E. H. Williams, who will advise the candidates as to the dates on which they should appear in the cities to be visited for examination. Candidates for first lieutenantcies should be between 32 and 36 years old, and those for captaincies between 36 and 42. Traveling expenses to the camp will be allowed successful candidates. Those accepted before August 1 will be sent to the existing engineers officers' training camp at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Geological Society of America will hold its next annual meeting at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, during convocation week of next winter. The program to be presented will concern itself particularly with the relations of geology to the World War.